## Risk Assessment - Nitrogen

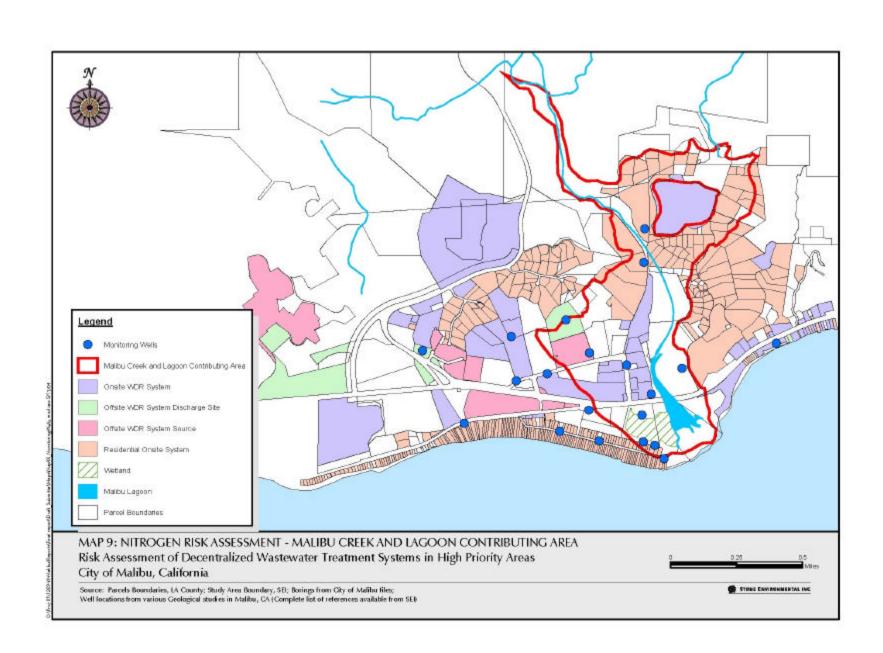
- ▲ Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) is the driver
- ▲ Current Load: 10.69 lb N/day (USEPA, TMDL)
- ▲ Objective: USEPA TMDL
  - ▲ Winter Allocation: 8 mg/l Nitrogen from OWTS)
  - ▲ Summer Allocation: 93% reduction
- ▲ LARWQCB TMDL expected in Autumn, 2004



## Nitrogen Removal Processes

- **▲** Nitrification
  - ▲ Ammonia to Nitrate
- **▲** Denitrification
  - ▲ Nitrate to Nitrogen gas





### Nitrogen Removal Processes

- **▲** Nitrification
  - **▲** *Unsaturated flow*
- **▲** Denitrification
  - ▲ Soil/Groundwater System
  - ▲ Advanced Treatment/ Denitrification



# Current OWTS Program Elements to Achieve Nitrogen Outcomes

- ▲ Utilize Groundwater Model as tool to evaluate TMDL objectives
- ▲ Renewable Operating Permits for Commercial/ Multifamily Occupancies
- ▲ Renewable Operating Permits for all Single family and Duplex Occupancies w/ Repair, Upgrade or New Construction



### Potential Alternatives to Achieve Nitrogen Outcomes (1 of 2)

- ▲ OWTS Inspections at Point of Sale
- ▲ OWTS Contributing Area Inspections
- ▲ Require N Removal on OWTS Serving Commercial/ Multifamily Occupancies in Contributing Area
- ▲ Require N Removal OWTS Serving All Occupancies in Contributing Area



### Potential Alternatives to Achieve Nitrogen Outcomes (2 of 2)

- ▲ Community Wastewater Reclamation with Onsite Dispersal
- ▲ Community Wastewater Reclamation with Dispersal Outside of Contributing Area
- **▲** Combination of above

